

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

The instant application is subject to a Restriction Requirement. The Examiner has restricted the claims into three (3) groups: Group I, claims 1-18 (method of cultivating); Group II, claims 19-22 (oil made by the process of claim 1); and Group III, claims 23-25 (biomass made by the process of claim 1).

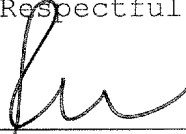
Applicant elects to pursue the claims of Group I, claims 1-18, without traverse. Further, Applicant reserves the right to file divisional applications directed to the non-elected claims. Applicant, also, requests that after determining the allowability of claims 1-18, that the non-elected claims be allowed in the instant application, since they dependent upon claim 1.

The Examiner has further advised that for the reply to be complete, Applicant must (i) elect a species/invention and (ii) identify the claims covering the elected invention. The elected invention, Group I, covers claims 1-18. If the Examiner further requires a species, then Applicant elects

microorganisms of the genus *Thraustochytriales*, specifically, *Ulkenia* sp. SAM 2179. That species is covered by claims 1-18.

Applicant respectfully requests an early Notice of Allowance in the instant application.

Respectfully submitted,



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